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This a message to voice my concern and opposition to the revised proposed Final Judgement against Microsoft.

There are many flaws (legal technicalities perhaps) in the proposal. For example, definition U (Windows Operating System Product) is too narrowly defined and leaves much room for Microsoft to maneuver and avoid disclosure of information. Without much effort Microsoft can make sufficient changes to declare that their next WOSP is sufficiently different from its precursors that it is not a successor to any of them. The definition also does not include other products such as its PocketPC and TabletPC operating systems.

I am also concerned that the proposal does not provide any substantive mention of Microsoft.NET. This is a potentially massive market that Microsoft has publically stated is their main focus. The potential for anticompetitive behaviour is great and Microsoft has the capability to create a very high barrier to entry for the market in short order.

I would like to provide more but the major arguments have been well thought out and detailed at <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy2.html> . I would encourage you to visit the link.

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